

Amendments to the Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A transfer tool for lifting from a support surface and transporting
2 a row of workpieces positioned on the a surface to another location, the tool
3 comprising:
- 4 a. an elongated, rigid, workpiece-receiving panel having a length greater than its
5 width, the workpiece-receiving panel having at least one exposed,
6 longitudinal, open edge, the panel being flat enough and the edge being open
7 and unobstructed enough that the panel is adapted to permit the panel to be
8 slid along the surface and under the workpieces for slidably receiving a row of
9 multiple workpieces;
- 10 b. an end support extending transversely from the panel; and
- 11 c. an elongated, hand-grippable handle attached to the end support and
12 extending, in an operable orientation of the tool, above the panel.

- 1 2. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1, wherein the workpiece-receiving
2 panel, in an operable orientation of the tool, is contoured to have an upwardly concave
3 surface for containing liquid on the panel.

- 1 3. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 2 wherein the panel has longitudinal
2 bends to form the concave contour.

1 4. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 2 wherein the end support includes
2 a liquid impervious wall extending upwardly from the panel for containing liquid on the
3 panel and preventing spillage from end of the panel.

1 5. (currently amended) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 wherein the panel has
2 parallel, laterally opposite, linear, open edges adapted to permit either edge of the panel
3 to be slid along the surface and under the workpieces for engaging the workpiece
4 supporting surface.

1 6. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 wherein the handle extends
2 substantially the entire length of the panel.

1 7. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 and further comprising a second
2 end support also extending, in an operable orientation of the tool, upwardly from the
3 panel, wherein both end supports includes a liquid impervious wall extending upwardly
4 adjacent the panel for containing liquid on the panel and preventing spillage from ends of
5 the panel.

1 8. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 7, wherein the handle extends
2 between and is attached at its opposite ends to the end supports.

1 9. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 8, wherein the workpiece-receiving
2 panel, in an operable orientation of the tool, is contoured to have an upwardly concave
3 surface for containing liquid on the panel.

1 10. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 9 wherein the panel has
2 longitudinal bends to form the concave contour.

1 11. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 9 wherein the panel has parallel,
2 laterally opposite, linear edges for engaging the workpiece supporting surface.

1 12. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 11 wherein the handle is parallel to
2 the panel.

1 13. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 12 wherein the panel, end supports
2 and handle are formed integrally.

1 14. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 wherein the panel has a length to
2 width aspect ratio of at least 3:1.

1 15. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 14, wherein the workpiece-
2 receiving panel, in an operable orientation of the tool, is contoured to have an upwardly
3 concave surface for containing liquid on the panel and has parallel, laterally opposite,

4 linear edges for engaging the workpiece supporting surface, a second end support also
5 extends transversely from the panel, wherein both end supports include a liquid
6 impervious wall extending upwardly from the panel for containing liquid on the panel
7 and preventing spillage from ends of the panel, and wherein the handle is attached at its
8 opposite ends to the end supports.

1 16. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 14 wherein the panel has a length
2 to width aspect ratio of at least 4:1.

1 17. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 14 wherein the panel has a length
2 to width aspect ratio of at least 5:1.

1 18. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 1 for use for transporting a row of
2 food workpieces from a first location on a grill cooking surface to a second location, the
3 grill cooking surface having a width, wherein the length of the workpiece-receiving panel
4 is at least 50% of the width of the grill cooking surface.

1 19. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 18, wherein the grill has a wall
2 running along and extending above the grill cooking surface for retaining the food
3 workpieces against lateral sliding on the grill surface when the panel is slid under the
4 food workpieces and toward the wall.

1 20. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 19 wherein the length of the
2 workpiece-receiving panel is at least 80% of the width of the grill cooking surface.

1 21. (original) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 20 wherein the length of the
2 workpiece-receiving panel is substantially the same as the width of the grill cooking
3 surface.

1 22. (new) A transfer tool for lifting from a support surface and transporting a row of
2 workpieces positioned on the surface to another location, the tool comprising:

3 a. an elongated, rigid, workpiece-receiving panel having a length greater than its
4 width, the workpiece-receiving panel having at least one exposed,
5 longitudinal, unobstructed edge adapted to permit the panel to be slid along
6 the surface and under the workpieces for slidably receiving a row of multiple
7 workpieces;

8 b. an end support extending transversely from the panel; and

9 c. an elongated, hand-grippable handle attached to the end support and
10 extending, in an operable orientation of the tool, above the panel.

1 23. (new) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 22 wherein the panel has laterally
2 opposite, linear, exposed, longitudinal, unobstructed edges adapted to permit either edge
3 of the panel to be slid along the surface and under the workpieces for slidably receiving a
4 row of multiple workpieces.

- 1 24. (new) A transfer tool in accordance with claim 23 wherein the laterally opposite
- 2 edges are parallel.